
PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS: ACADEMIC ENGLISH 12

Course Overview and Essential Skills

Academic English 12 will provide students the opportunity to read with greater understanding short stories, essays, novels, plays and poems. The student will be able to discuss and appreciate literary, cultural and historical significance of texts as well as develop an enriched vocabulary and greater appreciation for literature. The course will focus on multiple real-world writing tasks that will allow students to articulate their thoughts and feelings in written expression.

Course Textbook and Required Materials

- The Elements of Literature 6th Course
- Classroom novels and plays to supplement text including *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, *Oedipus the King*, *The Lord of the Flies*

Course Outline of Material Covered:

| Unit or Topic | Course Activities/Resources | Timeframe |
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| Greek Drama | Explore drama as an art form and valuable means of human expression; discuss the correlation between drama and historic storytelling Recognize function and importance of oral storytelling tradition Projects, quizzes and assessments to correlate with the reading of Oedipus Film: <i>Oedipus the King</i> | 1 month |
| Anglo-Saxon Literature | Explore Anglo-Saxon literature's function as it relates to the caste system Webquests, projects, classroom activities and tests to correlate with the reading of Beowulf Film: <i>Beowulf</i> | 1 month |
| The Middle Ages | Explore the writing of the Middle Ages as it relates to chivalry and courtly love Relate feudalism, chivalry, Arthurian romance and courtly love to medieval literature Projects, classroom activities, papers and tests to correlate with the reading | 2 months |

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| | <p>of The Canterbury Tales, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</p> <p>Film: <i>A Knight's Tale</i></p> | |
| The Renaissance Period | <p>Explore Renaissance drama as it relates to storytelling and character development</p> <p>Projects, test, quizzes and classroom activities to correlate with the reading of Macbeth</p> <p>Film: <i>Macbeth</i></p> | 2 months |
| Novel Unit | <p>Build the reading habit</p> <p>Apply comprehension strategies to independent reading, including connecting, visualizing, questioning, and inferencing</p> <p>Write in response to reading, creating text that reflects attention to focus, content, organization, style, and conventions</p> <p>Projects, test and quizzes to correlate with the novel Lord of the Flies</p> <p>Film: <i>Lord of the Flies</i></p> | 2 months |

****Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.***